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SUBJECT: NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO WEST AFRICA

REFS: (A) CNO DTG 101807Z APR 76 (B) STATE 087342 DTG 101504Z APR 76

1. REF A APPROVES US NAVAL SHIP VISIT TO FREETOWN MAY 25-27, AND SAYS THAT STATE DEPARTMENT CONCURS. REF B IMPLIES THAT CONCURRENCE NOT YET GRANTED.

2. WHILE WE DEFINITELY DESIRE NAVAL VISIT TO FREETOWN, MAY TIMING IS NOT PARTICULARLY HELPFUL FOR SEVERAL REASONS: 1) NEW DCM ARRIVES EARLY JUNE AND FOR US TO TAKE MAXIMUM ADVANTAGE OF RELATIONS DEVELOPED AS RESULT OF VISIT, HE SHOULD BE PRESENT DURING VISIT; 2) PRESIDENT STEVENS STILL PLANNING TRIP TO US AT UNDETERMINED DATE, PERHAPS IN MAY. THIS COULD CAUSE AMBASSADOR TO BE ABSENT DURING SHIP VISIT WHICH WOULD BE PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE; 3) AMBASSADOR ORIGINALLY REQUESTED SHIP VISIT FOR FALL, NOT WANTING TO OVERDO GOSL WITH US MILITARY CONTACT THAT WAS ONLY ALLOWED BY GOSL TO BEGIN AGAIN JANUARY 1976 AFTER NOTICEABLE HIATUS. THIS CONTACT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR BALANCED US INTEREST HERE, BUT FALL TIMING BETTER THAN MAY TIMING; 4) NEW DAO SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN MID-SUMMER. AGAIN, AS IN 2 ABOVE, VISIT WOULD BETTER TAKE PLACE AFTER HIS ARRIVAL RATHER THAN AT END OF TOUR

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OF CURRENT ENCUMBENT.

3. AS RESULT OF ABOVE, I PREFER THAT USN TRY TO SCHEDULE CALLS AT FREETOWN LATER IN BICENTENNIAL YEAR. PERHAPS SCHEDULED FREETOWN MAY CALL COULD BE DIRECTED INSTEAD TO ABIDJAN OR ACCRA.
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